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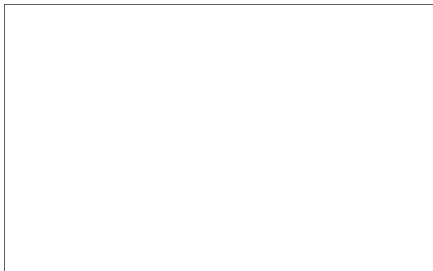
24 September 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, NIC

SUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Comments on September 1981
Draft of NIC Procedures: Production of Interagency
Intelligence Assessments (as circulated 18 September)

1. The SRP has reviewed the revised draft and considers it a substantial contribution to orderly and effective procedures compatible with the needs of the DCI and users of interagency intelligence assessments.

2. We believe that the provisions for SRP involvement in these procedures (pages 3, 8, and 9) are workable and are prepared to cooperate fully and in a timely manner. We also welcome the provision on page 8 for an oral or written response by the NIE Chairman to SRP comments on Concept Papers and TORs. The Panel's comments on first drafts of completed papers have frequently concerned major issues of substance or conformity with agreed Concept Papers and TORs, and we wonder whether it would not be appropriate to add toward the bottom of page 9 a paragraph similar to that on page 8 calling for an oral or written response to SRP comments.




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